

thems of the glorious land coming down from the hills of God, greeting us, bidding us welcome home. Let our response be a song of praise and a shout of victory.

And there is another hour—a sad, sad hour, when nothing is sweeter, nothing is better, than the old, old story told in the soft, sweet tones of music. Once upon going to the bedside of a dying saint, we asked her what we might do for her. She said, "Sing!" Pray? No! She was at perfect peace with God and she alone could speak her thanks to Him. But, sing!

"O sing to me of heaven,  
When I am called to die,

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Let music cheer me last on earth,  
And greet me first in heaven."

Yes, in that hour there will be nothing like the old songs. Sweeter and sweeter they will grow as the earth light fades. Dimly at first, and then more plainly we shall hear them taken up by that vast choir on the other shore—yea, as the angels strike those songs we love with the perfect touch upon their harps of gold, doubtless we, too, shall exclaim in our latest breath as did saintly John Carey, "Such singing! Do you hear it?" Yes we shall one and all soon cross the river to join the loved ones gone before, and with them sing beside

"Streams of true life and gladness  
Springs of all health and peace;  
No harps by thee hang silent,  
Nor happy voices cease.  
Tranquil river  
Let me ever  
Sit and sing by thee."

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#### THE MORAL GRANDEUR OF THE CHRISTIAN SPIRIT

Extract from a sermon by J. M. Tombaugh, delivered at Hagerstown, Md., June 19. Text, Acts 7: 59, 60.

The exhibition of heroism in a righteous cause never fails to win applause. Dewey and Hobson are receiving their meed of praise from the American people not only because they were successful, but because, in the execution of their plans, they exhibited a high order of physical courage. But physical is the lowest form of courage, and a man might be able to face shot and shell unmoved and still fall short of the true grandeur of moral heroism. The world has its own ideals of greatness, many of them unworthy and low, and at every point failing to rise to that perfect conception of true greatness set forth in the word of God. For centuries brute force was almost the only test of greatness, and the world applauded the man who had sufficient physical courage and skill in war to defeat and slaughter and enslave his enemies. The truth of that line which declares that "The drying up of a single tear has more of honest

fame than shedding seas of gore," was a long time in being recognized and understood; and in the estimation of thousands of people yet the man that taketh a city is more deserving of being called great than he who, in time of temptation and trial, is able to rule his own spirit.

How paltry is the greatness of those men whose fame rests upon the fact that they led victorious armies and laid waste fertile countries, turned populous cities into ash-heaps and saturated the earth with human blood! There are in every neighborhood, in the humblest walks of life, men and women whose names are unknown outside their own township or village, who are, in all the essentials which go to make up true greatness, infinitely superior to many of the world's so-called famous men. These of whom I speak are the truly great, great of heart and great of soul, because they love that which is right and hate that which is wrong; because they are kind and forgiving and tenderhearted. They are truly great because their souls have been inflated by divine love, and their sympathies go out to all the needy and distressed; because their hearts have been made right by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit; and they are incapable of a mean action or an unholy one. Nothing else can make a man great; other things may be factors in his greatness, but unless he possesses the spirit of Christ he can never reach that superlative height of moral greatness which made the life and death of Stephen the martyr so sublime. Greatness of intellect will always distinguish its possessor, but greatness of intellect is something infinitely less than greatness of soul. An intellectual sermon, an ably written book or a polished address will always win praise, but far better than that is the wisdom never learned in schools—the simple untaught wisdom of the true child of God. When the brightest intellect has reached the limit of its ability to understand, when it is baffled by mysteries which are unsolvable, then the child of faith reaches out in the dark and puts its hand on God and says, "I know."

No man however wise is truly great without the knowledge which maketh wise unto salvation. To know God that is the best of wisdom; to have spiritual understanding, that is true greatness. With many the measure of greatness is to gain what the world calls success. I have no doubt that many a name will be written high on the scroll of honor in the glory world, that is but little esteemed among men. That man's life is not a failure who cheerfully and patiently bears his lot whatever it may be, who does his duty uncomplaining, who lives in peace with God and himself and dies at last with the glory of the other world

filling his soul. Such a life is a benediction and a blessing to all with whom it comes in contact, and is the grandest and most truly successful life that it is possible for a man to live. With the assisting grace of God we may hope to attain to such a successful and perfect life. Natural gifts, physical courage, intellectual force, grasp of mind and reasoning power are not to be disdained, but even though we possess none of these to a high degree, we may have Christ in us; we may have the spirit of our God and through that gift alone become mightier than a conqueror.

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#### CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE

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On the memorable night in which Christ was betrayed he spoke these words—"I have given you an example."

Our Lord and Master taught not only by word, but by example. His life from beginning to end was an example of purest type. He taught by word and illustrated His words by a living example, a life that none dare fault. Jesus might not have spoken a word in the way of instruction, but His life so thoroughly consecrated and divinely lived would have been an example for a holy life for all time to come. We may consider ourselves blessed that we have been given this divine Model after which to form and mold our character and prepare our souls for immortal destinies. There have great and good men lived, who have given us examples of great deeds of love and serving, but the Son of God eclipses all men of time and will stand out as the only perfect example for time and eternity.

We ought then to accept Him as our example in all the phases of the Christian life. The youth may find in Him a pattern for their conduct toward their parents. He was subject unto His earthly parents as well as to His heavenly Father.

In wisdom He is our example—"He advanced in wisdom" and then became the wisest of all men which was manifest in all His deeds in life. In self-denial He stands again at the head in leaving glory, the Father's throne, coming to a sinful world and here denying himself of earthly wealth and honor, becoming poor for our sakes. Indeed there is no feature of the Christian life in which Christ is not our example. In self sacrifice He laid down the most precious life ever lived, in practical personal work, He went into the homes of sinners to invite them to the kingdom. In temptation, He went into the wilderness and gave us an example if followed will bring us victory over every temptation of life. In overcoming evil with good He was eminently successful. Christ